



Town of Blades  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
April 10, 2023***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor William Stang, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Police Chief Martin Willey, Police Administrative Assistant Loretta Lynch, Administrative Assistant Crystal Gregor and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the March 13, 2023, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.; Seconded by Councilman Vice-Mayor William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Councilman Donald Trice. New construction on the agenda was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Water report - Reports submitted by Public Works Supervisor Frank O'Day and read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Vice-Mayor William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- Town Election Announcement: Town Elections will be held June 5, 2023, to fill Mayor and 2 Council positions
- Introduce Administrative Assistant Crystal Gregor.
- Appoint Town Solicitor: Motion to accept Craig Eliassen as Town Solicitor made by Vice-Mayor William Stang, seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed; Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried
- Appoint Town Appraiser: Motion to accept Weaver Appraisals for Town Appraiser made by Vice-Mayor William Stang, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried
- Re-announce Town Clean-Up, April 15, 2023, 7am-Noon.
- First Reading Ordinance 436 – Assessments in Addition to Fines Imposed by Courts

❖ Old Business:

- Hardin Hall Bid Update – Three bids were opened at the Special Meeting on March 23, 2023. Council had additional requests pertaining to the building. We have an amended quote from one company and are waiting for an amended quote from the second considered company.

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired about the status of a property that was damaged by fire and it being located in an R1 zone. – R1 is a single-family zone and that is what they have to abide by and have Town and County permits for.

Citizen would like to see a dumpster removed from a property that is under construction to repair damage caused by a fire.

Citizen is concerned about squatters in a property that is under construction to repair damage caused by a fire.

Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. motioned to adjourn the April 10, 2023, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Mayor William Stang.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Marks  
Town Administrator

Town Council Meeting Minutes